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Sun rises	5:37 a. m.
Sun sets	8:02 p. m.
Length of Day	14 h. 25 m.
Day's Increase	5 h. 29 m.
High water	8:02 a. m.
Moon rises	3:09 a. m.
Low water	2:22 p. m.

SIMS' OWN TESTIMONY REFUTES FALLACIOUS UNFOUNDED CHARGE

ASSERTIONS MADE WITH RECKLESS DISREGARD OF FACTS, SAYS DANIELS—TONNAGE AT ALL TIMES AVAILABLE TO CARRY TROOPS.

Washington, May 14.—Rear Admiral Sims' "fallacious and baseless" charges that the navy department delays prolonged the war for four months unnecessarily was "practically the only charge of unmanufactured results from the many alleged sins of omission and commission" the officer has ascribed to the department. Secretary Daniels today told the Senate Naval Investigating Committee. It was fully refuted, he added by the Admiral's own testimony.

"The charge of prolongation of the war was a definite and serious one," said the secretary. "It was made with reckless disregard of the facts and the reasoning and statistics adduced in its support are those which one might expect to find in the fantastic tales of Baron Munchausen."

Admiral Sims based his estimate of an unnecessary loss of 500,000 lives on an average loss of the allies of 3,000 men a day, Mr. Daniels said. "The loss of 3,000 men a day for four months falls short of half a million but of course half a million sounds more impressive than the figure which would have been arrived at by correct arithmetic," the secretary declared.

The admiral based the charge on the assumption that there had been a million American soldiers in France by March, 1918, the war would have ended four months sooner, Mr. Daniels said, and completed the reasoning by assuming the tonnage losses of 1917 prevented carrying that number of troops overseas by that date and that failure of the American navy to cooperate heartily in the first months of the war resulted in the heavy tonnage losses.

"It is not necessary to wander far into the realm of statistics or technicalities," he said.

POLICE CORNER AND SHOOT TRAIN ROBBER

DARED OFFICER TO ARREST HIM

Joseph Timko of 323 Shelton street, who was arrested last night for drunkenness, was sentenced to 15 days in jail by the City court this morning. But the sentence was suspended. Timko is alleged to have told the officer who arrested him, that he was afraid of no cops, and that no policeman would dare arrest him. Joseph realized this morning that he had the wrong "dope."

Arthur Sutton of 57 Main street, who was also arrested on a drunkenness charge last night, told Judge Bartlett in the City court this morning that he participated in a party in Stamford, Wednesday night, and that he swallowed some home-made stuff that knocked him unconscious. Sutton didn't remember the trip from Stamford to Bridgeport. Judgment was suspended.

Charge Connivance In Ship Robbery

Constantinople, May 14.—(By A. P.)—Charges that the French steamer Sourah could not have been robbed by Black Sea pirates on May 6 without connivance of persons employed on the ship were made by 300 indignant passengers of the craft who landed here today in a driving rain.

Penniless and enraged, the passengers joined in denouncing the British passport control officer at Batum, the failure of British authorities there to disarm the robbers before they boarded the steamer company in not maintaining armed guard. Above all, the alleged abject submission of the crew to the pirates was hotly criticized. An announcement that the ship would have an armed guard on her voyage from here to Marseilles only intensified the anger of the people who lost everything.

It seems the fact that the robbers did not molest the ship's safe aroused suspicion on the part of the passengers. The captain of the Sourah refused to discuss the matter with the correspondent of The Associated Press, saying he had made a report to French naval authorities here. No light was thrown on his report as it was stated that in future all French ships on the Black Sea would carry guards. All British and Italian ships there are carrying armed men but French ships have been unguarded for several months.

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CONTINUE BURNING POLICE BARRACKS

POPE BENEDICT AT CANONIZATION

Cardinal O'Connell of Boston Present At Ceremony.

Rome, May 14.—Solemn ceremonies for the canonization of Gabriel Possenti and Marie Alacoque were held in St. Peter's today. Pope Benedict was carried in the chair of state to the cathedral, being surrounded by a gorgeous retinue of ecclesiastics, officials of the civil and military courts of the Vatican, members of the Sacred College, archbishops, bishops, Roman nobility and general officers of religious orders. Swiss guards preceded the procession as it went from the Vatican. After entering the cathedral Pope Benedict was seated in a throne erected in the aisle behind the high altar and preceded the canonization ceremonies by intoning a hymn.

Later he celebrated mass and then with the same gorgeous procession returned to his apartments in the Vatican. Cardinal O'Connell of Boston, Mass., was present for the first time as a cardinal at a ceremony for canonization. He received many greetings from his colleagues who expressed satisfaction they had with them a representative from America.

HOPE TO CREATE \$10,000,000 FUND

Clothing Workers Endorse Debs For Presidency.

Boston, May 14.—A resolution requesting their employers to set aside an unemployment fund out of their profits for the benefit of employees who are idle during slack periods in the industry was adopted by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America who closed their fourth biennial convention here today. The organization hopes to create a \$10,000,000 fund in this manner.

The delegates also voted to put into operation within ninety days one joint board in New York, under which the joint board of the children's clothing workers will be abolished. A resolution advocating a five day week of 40 hours was defeated.

COUPLE MARRY CHARGE DROPPED

Joseph Philipek and Katrine Davidskie, of 257 Gregory street, who were arrested last night by members of the "vice squad," were arraigned in the City court this morning on a technical charge of breach of the peace. The couple have been living at the Gregory street address since they came here from Foughkeeps, N. Y., about a month ago. The man secured a marriage license, and intended to marry the woman, until he was told that it would cost him about \$250. The prospective bridegroom started to hedge on his promise, but the bride-to-be insisted that the ceremony be carried out even if the police had to take a hand. The couple will be married today, and charges will probably be dropped by the police.

CAMPAIN FOR INCREASED PAY

New York, May 14.—Navy yard civil service employees met here today to consider a plan of campaign for increased pay. They also propose to establish branches of the national association of U. S. Civil Service Employees in all navy yards and stations throughout the country.

The meeting which will last two days was attended by delegates representing the Brooklyn navy yard, the fleet supply base in South Brooklyn, the naval torpedo stations at Newport and Alexandria, Va., the Philadelphia and Portsmouth navy yards, the naval air station at Pensacola, Fla., and the naval training station at Great Lakes.

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FORD MACHINE IS TWICE STOLEN BY THIEVES

The police were informed through a telephone message from Charles Bouton, of 175 Cross street, last night, that a Ford machine which was stolen in Stamford a few days ago was parked in Congress street. An officer was sent to recover the car. When the policeman arrived in Congress street he saw no signs of the car, and was informed that a man had just driven the machine away toward Stratford. It is thought that the Ford was abandoned in Congress street by the first thief and again stolen.

Another Attempt Made To Assassinate Ferid.

London, May 14.—Mustapha Kemal, leader of Turkish nationalist forces in Asia Minor, was condemned to death at an extraordinary court martial held in Constantinople on Wednesday, according to a despatch from the Turkish capital. As Mustapha did not appear for trial he was found guilty by default.

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LEWIS' WIFE HAD HUSBAND

"Hartford" Jimmy Gets a Annulment of Marriage.

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She testified that when she found out she informed her second husband and they had not lived together since that time.

OUT OF HOSPITAL ON THEFT CHARGE

Upon the complaint of Charles Lorgan of 872 Main street, William Boline of 982 Railroad avenue was brought back from the Norwich State hospital yesterday and arraigned in the City court this morning, charged with theft. The case was continued until May 22, in order that a further investigation may be made.

Lorgan charges that on May 7, Boline entered his room and stole \$150 from a trunk.

ENGLISH SUITS SELL FOR \$38

New York, May 14.—England is ready to sell to American merchants men's clothing, all wool, than can be retailed at a 20 per cent. profit at present prices. The goods now being asked here, according to J. C. Shannan, member of a London manufacturing concern who arrived yesterday.

CABINET WILL STUDY SITUATION

Paris, May 14.—Employees of gas manufacturing companies will strike today in conformity with the order from the general federation of labor but all steps have been taken to provide the city with gas. It is rumored that postal employees will strike on Monday but the under secretary of posts declared today that in his opinion not more than ten per cent. of the men would obey a call to quit work. The cabinet council has been summoned to study the situation.

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MARRIES, THEN GOES TO JAIL AS "LIFER"

New York, May 14.—When Jacob Miller, a former salesman, boarded the train here today for Sing Sing prison to begin a life sentence following his conviction for burglary as a fifth offender, it was as the husband of a few hours of Hannah Rosenbaum, the childhood sweetheart of the burglar. She married him after his conviction and despite his life sentence.

TROLLEYMEN ASKING 50 PER CENT INCREASE

Hartford, May 14.—An increase of 50 per cent. in wages and a flat rate rather than the present graduated schedule is understood to be incorporated in the demands made by the employees of the Connecticut Co., submitted to the company officials by the union officials last week. Seventy-five cents an hour is said to be the rate demanded. The contract with the company under which the men are now working terminates June 1. Included in the demands are regulations pertaining to the operation of "one-man" trolley cars, a standard working day, and time and one-half for overtime.

The present rate of pay for conductors and motormen is from 44 to 50 cents an hour, the operators of "one-man" cars being paid five cents an hour more than those employed on other cars.

NO INQUISITION ON JURY METHOD

Judge Haines Reserves Decision on Motion to Set Verdict Aside.

The State of Connecticut does not look with favor on an inquisition into the deliberations and reasons of a jury arriving at any particular verdict, was asserted by Judge Frank D. Haines in the Superior court today when Attorney Shannon offered the testimony of Fred I. Hart, foreman of the jury which recently brought in a verdict of \$4,308 in favor of the plaintiff, in the action of an alienation of affections brought by Florence Valentine against Freda Polak of Norwich.

Attorney Shannon on behalf of his client, Mrs. Polak, argued a motion to have the verdict set aside, claiming that excessive damages had been given and that the jury had arrived at their verdict by means that have been declared objectionable by the Supreme Court of the State.

PETTY THEFTS CONTINUING

Petty robberies continue to occupy the attention of the local police. M. A. Raskowicz of 52 Whitling street reported today that someone entered his home last night and made off with \$100 worth of jewelry, two savings stamps and cash. John Olsen, a contractor of 194 Alpine street, reported the theft of some tools from a new building in Hooker street. A foot stool belonging to A. L. Bloomer was stolen from its mooring place at Fayerweather Island yesterday.

THIRSTY THIEVES SEIZE LIQUOR

Boston, May 14.—Thirsty thieves have forced postponement of the opening set for the next few days of nearly 100 summer homes at beaches near Boston. In scores of cottages at Hull and Nantasket, household articles have been stolen and damaged, and many of the houses will require refitting before they are ready for occupancy. In addition, householders have reported their summer's supply of alcoholic beverages missing. In homes where no liquor was found, thieves left evidence of their displeasure, by destroying furniture and clothing with which they lusted the floors.

SEEK AMNESTY FOR OFFENDERS

New York, May 14.—Consideration of committee reports will conclude the business of the national convention of the Socialist party today. The delegates will go to Washington tonight to participate in a demonstration for political prisoners and the release from jail of all conscientious objectors. The party yesterday nominated Eugene V. Debs for president and Seymour Steadman for vice president. Joseph W. Sharts of Dayton, Ohio, was unanimously selected chairman for today's sessions. Lazarus S. Davidson of Detroit was elected as vice chairman.

COTTON CONSUMED.

Washington, May 14.—Cotton consumed during April amounted to 567,329 bales of lint and 29,355 bales of linters, the census bureau announced today.

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MEXICAN REVOLT APT TO TAKE ON AN INTERNATIONAL TURN

BRITISH CONSUL IN CARRANZA'S CAMP—MEXICAN REBELS APPARENTLY HAVE WON FIRST PHASE OF BATTLE—WARSHIPS OFF VERA CRUZ.

(By the Associated Press) Mexican rebel forces have apparently won the first phase of the battle against troops still loyal to President Carranza which have been fighting desperately north of San Marcos, state of Puebla, for the past four days. Advice from Vera Cruz indicate a break in the Carranza lines and an effort of the president's men to break through the rebel lines and march northward.

The struggle continues and new rebel reinforcements are reported to have reached the scene, coming up from the south.

An international incident may be foreshadowed by the fact that N. A. Body, British consul for Vera Cruz, is in the camp of President Carranza. Advice give no details as to the reason for his presence there but it seems probable he accompanied the president in his flight from Mexico City. British and American authorities in Vera Cruz have arranged for a Mexican naval lieutenant to go by special train to the battlefield and try to rescue the imperiled Englishman.

French and British warships have appeared in the harbor of Vera Cruz and four American fighting vessels are at anchor there.

Negotiations for the surrender of Matamoros, across the frontier from Brownsville, Texas, are under way and it is expected the Carranza forces there will surrender without fighting today.

MILITARY POSTS ARE RESENTED BY IRISH

Dublin, May 14.—The plan of General Sir Nevill Macready, commander of the government forces in Ireland, looking to closer co-operation between the police and the military in an effort to suppress the disorders in Ireland, involves the establishment of military posts in isolated districts where the police barracks had to be abandoned because of attacks upon them, it is stated here on apparently good authority.

The opinion of the British authorities seem to be that the disorders in Ireland which they regard as acts of rebellion, call for the use of soldiers instead of the police. Previously the police have been largely occupied with work which is essentially of a military nature and the criticism from the popular side is that the police now are not really a civil force, as they ought to be.

In line with this view, the military are always doing the patrol work, which is a dangerous job and hitherto has been left mainly to the police. The military are endeavoring to check the excesses of the land agitation in the west of Ireland. Cavalry has been employed to prevent cattle driving, and some of the western towns which have been the centers of this trouble have cavalry contingents quartered in them.

Says Bolshevism Is Ghastly Failure

Washington, May 14.—Bolshevism as exemplified by the Russian Soviet government, is characterized as a "ghastly failure" by Colonel Edward W. Ryan, Red Cross commissioner for north Russia and the Baltic states. Colonel Ryan, after an extended trip through the Soviet domain as a private citizen with the Estonian peace delegation, has returned recently to the United States, where he is the first direct information of conditions there given to the American public in more than a year. His account of what he saw is contained in a report forwarded to the State Department.

Without outside aid Russia will be a chaos in six months, Colonel Ryan believed. Raw materials are not to be found in any of the centers, he said, and the people as a whole seemed to devote their whole time to the one supreme object of getting sufficient nourishment to fend off actual starvation. Officials of the government, according to Ryan, admitted that the transportation problem alone would result in the overthrow of the present regime.

Streets of Moscow and Petrograd were described as "indiscribably filthy," being at least ankle deep in dirt and refuse. They had not been

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WHERE DID SUM OF \$1,264.40 GO

Democratic members of the Board of Aldermen will make an effort to find out what the \$1,264.40 was spent by Police Commissioner John C. Stanley for when the bill comes before the board Monday night in the report of the finance committee. This bill calling for that sum of money has been approved by Clerk Smith of the police department, Richard H. Murphy and William E. Primrose, finance committee of the police board, and Alderman Arthur A. Baker, chairman of the aldermanic finance committee. The bill is listed as "cash advanced." Last month a bill for \$3,887.58 listed as "cash advanced for tracing" was approved and paid. That was the only information ever given.

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